



Rule Up For Discussion and Possible Filing

Proposed Amendments to

WAC 230-12-045

Promotions for gambling activities – Conditions - Restrictions.

ITEM 14 (a) on the March 12, 2004, Commission Meeting Agenda.

Statutory Authority 9.46.070

Who proposed the rule change?

Staff.

Why is this rule change needed?

This rule sets requirements for licensees that offer promotions in conjunction with a gambling activity. For example, customers may clip a “Match Play” coupon out of the newspaper and take it to a card room to use at a blackjack table. Rules for promotions related to gambling activities are in place to ensure the integrity of the activity, which is tied to a gambling activity.

This rule was originally part of the gambling promotions package that was adopted by the Commission at the October 2003, Commission meeting. This rule has been difficult for both licensees and staff to interpret and was held back from the previous rules package to allow staff additional time to clarify requirements in the rule. This amendment is not intended to change current requirements; rather, the changes were made to clarify current requirements and make the rule easier to use by both staff and licensees.

Statements against the proposed rule change.

None at this time.

Which licensees will be directly impacted?

Licensees offering promotions related to gambling activities.

What are the potential impacts to the agency?

Minimal.

Staff recommendation.

File for further discussion.

Proposed effective date.

July 1, 2004.